Year 2007

| SI. No. | Circle No. | No. of FPS |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | 1 | 3 |
| 2. | 4 | 1 |
| 3. | 23 | 1 |
| 4. | 26 | 2 |
| 5. | 39 | 1 |
| 6. | 48 | 1 |
| 7. | 55 | 1 |
| 8. | 67 | 1 |
| | TOTAL: | 11 |

**Procurement of wheat**

1205. SHRI P.R. RAJAN: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) what was the target set by the centre pool to procure wheat in 2006-07;

(b) what was the procurement made during the period;

(c) how many tonnes of wheat has been imported in this period; and

(d) the details of the quantity his Ministry is planning to import from now?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) and (b) Since procurement of foodgrains under Minimum Support Price (MSP) operations carried out by Government agencie is open-ended, no targets are fixed. However, based on estimates given by State Food Secretaries for crop year 2006-07, to be marketed in Rabi Marketing Season (RMS) 2007-08, the procurement of wheat in RMS 2007-08 was estimated at 151.5 lakh tonnes. The actual procurement of wheat in RMS 2007-08 is 111.27 lakh tonnes.

(c) and (d) Since procurement was only 111.27 lakh tonnes in RMS 2007-08 as against the estimated requirement of 150 lakh tonnes of wheat for TPDS, other welfare schemes and relief work for natural calamities, etc. the Government has decided to import 23 lakh tonnes of wheat for Central Pool out of which orders have been placed for import of 13.06 lakh tonnes.

**Ban on export of paddy**

†1206. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIR, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to imposition of ban on export of paddy by Government, paddy produce of about 200 crore value is lying in the mandies of Haryana and Punjab and there is no one to purchase this produce;

(b) whether it is also a fact mat Government do not procure the non-Basmati rice, specially the Pusa 1121 variety of rice; and

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.